

her is speaking, shall hold private discourse so as to interrupt debate.

21st When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Speaker; or being in writing, it shall be handed to the chair and read aloud by the clerk, before debated; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Speaker or any member require it.

22d When a motion is made and seconded, or when a question is under debate, the matter shall receive a determination by the question, or it may be postponed by a motion to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or amend, to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged. A motion to strike out the enacting words of a bill, shall have precedence of a motion to amend, and if carried, shall be considered equivalent to its rejection; and when a question is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted on again during the session.

23d. The previous question shall be in this form, "Shall the main question be now put?" It may be called for on any question, except on an amendment or other matter, which cannot, in its nature, be postponed; and when demanded by a majority of the members present, it shall, until it is decided, preclude all amendment, and further debate of the main question. On a previous question there shall be no debate.

24th. Every question shall be entered on the Journal, and the yeas and nays shall be taken when required by seven members who shall have divided on the question; and whenever the yeas and nays are ordered to be taken, no question of adjournment shall be received or propounded by the Speaker, until the yeas and nays are called, counted and reported.

25th. Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be divided if it comprehends questions so distinct, that one being taken away, the